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SUBJ: POSSIBLE EXPECTATIONS OF HIGH LEVEL APPOINTMENTS BY
MALAGASY FOREIGN MINISTER

REF: A) ANT 1688; B) ANT 1699

1. DURING MY DISCUSSION OF U.N AFFAIRS ON SEPT 7
WITH DIRECTOR OF MULTRILATERAL RELATIONS,
HENRI RAZAFINDRATOVO (REF A), AT FOREIGN
MINISTRY, HE MENTIONED TO ME THAT FOREIGN MINISTER
RICHARD HAD ASKED HIS ADVICE ON OUR INVITATION TO HIM
TO DO SOME TRAVELING IN THE U.S. AS AN ICA GRANTEE (REF
B). HENRY R. HAD REPLIED TO HIM THAT IT SOUNDED LIKE
A GOOD IDEA. HE THEN EXPRESSED THE OPINION TO ME THAT
IT WOULD SO DOME GOOD IF DURING THOSE TRAVELS THE MINISTER
COULD MEET WITH VARIOUS HIGH PERSONALITIES. HE SOUNDED
LIKE HE THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE A NORMAL PART OF THE TRAVEL
GRANT WE HAD PROPOSED.

2. ALTHOUGH RICHARD HAS NOT ASKED FOR ANY HIGHLEVEL
APPOINTMENTS DURING HIS TIME IN NY FOR THE UNGA, THE
TIMING MIGHT BE RIGHT IN OCTOBER TO GIVE HIM SOME
SEVENTH FLOOR ATTENTION EITHER IN NEW YORK OR IN
WASHINGTON. HIS ADDRESS TO THE UNGA IS SCHEDULED FOR
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OCTOBER 2 AND HE WOULD PRESUMABLY NOT BE ABLE TO TRAVEL
BEFORE THEN. NASA INSPECTION IS GOING SMOOTHLY AND A HIGH
LEVEL APPOINTMENT COULD BE USED TO
SET A GOOD TONE FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON STATION WHICH WE
PRESENTLY EXPECT TO START IN LATE OCTOBER. ACCASION
COULD ALSO BE USED TO SURFACE OUR PL 480 TITLE I RICE
SALE OFFER IF DEEMED APPROPRIATE AT THAT TIME.

3. I WILL BE IN WASHINGTON ON CONSULTATION STARTING
OCTOBER 1 AND LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING THIS POSSIBI-
LITY WITH AF AT THAT TIME.BARRETT

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